

GERMAN SUBMARINES REPORTED SUNK IN A NEW SEA AND AIR RAID ON DOVER

CASSIDY NEAR COLLAPSE AS HE AND WILLETT ENTER SING SING AS PRISONERS

Former Boss Begs Court to Let Them Begin Serving Sentence at Once.
HURRY OFF TO CELLS.
Queens Leader a Wreck of Robust, Smiling Figure of Other Days.

"Curly Joe" Cassidy, once Democratic boss of Queens County, and William Willett Jr., of Far Rockaway, to whom Cassidy sold a Supreme Court nomination for \$10,000 in October, were taken to Sing Sing prison this afternoon and began to serve their sentences of not less than one year nor more than eighteen months. In addition each must pay a fine of \$1,000. Realizing that they had reached the limit of appeal, Cassidy and Willett decided that they would start on their prison experience as soon as possible, and after the court formalities had been completed in Brooklyn they hurried to the Grand Central Station to catch the first train. In the custody of deputy sheriffs and escorted by a crowd of reporters and photographers, the convicted politicians walked from Raymond Street Jail in Brooklyn to the Nevins Street Station of the subway. Cassidy was in the lead descending the stairs. When he reached the ticket window he threw a dollar bill on the ledge and remarked, with a forced display of bravado: "Well, this is the last buck I'll have a chance to spend for some time. Give me twenty tickets." Then he counted up the party and found it numbered sixteen persons. He dropped sixteen tickets in the box and put the remaining four in his pocket, saying they might come in handy when he gets out. Just before taking the train Cassidy said: "I have no statement to make. I don't see any airships around to pick up, and I guess we'll have to see it through." The pallid, shrunken man who walked into Part VII. of the Supreme

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EARTHQUAKE ROCKS ROME AND VICINITY, EIGHTEEN KILLED

Famous Structures in Eternal City Damaged and Heavy Loss at Other Places.

ROME, Jan. 12.—The earthquake which shook Rome to-day, badly damaging many of its historic structures, is reported to have caused enormous damage and considerable loss of life in the province of Abruzzi, where it is said at least eighteen persons were killed. The entire province is declared to have suffered and many of the small towns have been almost completely wiped out. Several towns in Rome Province also suffered. The towns which are reported to have been damaged the most include Capelle, Magliano, Frosinone, Monterotondo, Veroli, Valmontone and Albano. It is stated that many of the inhabitants were caught in the ruins and crushed to death. The Government has taken steps to aid the sufferers and troops have been rushed to the afflicted provinces to aid in the rescue work. The convicts at Frosinone prison mutinied when an attempt was made to keep them in the prison after it had been partly destroyed by the earthquake. Officials say that the earthquake was one of the most severe ever felt in Italy, and they fear that a large death list will be reported when all of the details are obtainable. The earthquake was the heaviest ever experienced in Rome and considerable damage was done, many famous structures being badly damaged. The shock lasted several seconds and caused a panic throughout the city, people rushing from their homes in terror. So far as known nobody in the capital was injured. Among the old buildings damaged was the Palazzo Chigi, as well as the famous Column of Marcus Aurelius. Historic buildings on the Piazza Colonna, in the centre of Rome, also were damaged, as was also the famous Farnese Palace, occupied by the French Embassy, where a piece of the stone cornice had fallen. The belfry of the Church of St. Andrea is in danger of falling, and the building has been surrounded by a cordon of police to prevent the people from approaching it. The Church of St. Charles Gattinari was badly damaged, its cupola being shaken off. The main building of the Church of St. Agata Gotti, which is the seat of the Italian college, was also badly cracked. A section of the left end of St. Peter's colonnade was cracked slightly. Crowds gathered to-day in the square in front of the column of Marcus Aurelius, observing with interest to a point about half way up the monument. Here it was seen that the column has been broken and twisted and is at least six inches from its true axis. The immense bronze statue of St. Paul on top of the column also has been thrown from its correct position and from the ground it is apparent that it inclines to one side.

ALL "L" OFFICERS HELD BY CORONER MUST GIVE BAIL

Riordan Looks Up Law and Finds He Cannot Let Them Go Without Bond.

HE CHANGED HIS MIND.

Had Decided Overnight It Would Be Too Much of a Humiliation.

Coroner Riordan, after consulting counsel, decided this afternoon that the law compels him to hold in bail the Interborough officers and direct-ors held guilty last night by a Coroner's jury of culpable negligence in connection with the collision on the L at One Hundred and Sixteenth Street and Eighth Avenue last month, in which a passenger and a trainman were killed. Previous to reaching this decision he had announced that he would parole the eminent financiers and railroad men held responsible for the accident in the custody of their counsel. It had been arranged that John S. Moulton and Michael Daly of Interborough counsel were to appear at the Coroner's office at 2 o'clock and accept responsibility for the appearance of the accused men in case they are indicted by the Grand Jury. But Coroner Riordan while awaiting the lawyers looked up the law and sought legal advice as to his duty. "I find," he said, "that the presence of the accused men is absolutely necessary and I must require bail. The law does not give me the right to parole them. I had thought to save them the humiliation of appearing here and giving bail, but I have no choice in the matter and have so advised Mr. Moulton and Mr. Daly." In accordance with the Coroner's demands the two lawyers appeared at his office at 2 o'clock, accompanied by the representative of the National Security Company. They brought with them Harris M. Fisher, secretary and director of the Interborough, and W. Leon Pepperman, a director and secretary to President Shonta. Mr. Moulton asked that bail be fixed at \$1,000 in the case of each of the accused instead of at \$5,000, the figure set when the verdict of the jury was brought in last night. The Coroner acquiesced and Mr. Fisher and Mr. Pepperman promptly furnished bail and hurried away. "Two of the fifteen directors are out of the city," said Mr. Moulton. "The others will appear here and give bond during the afternoon." Daniel G. Reid, the tin-plate millionaire; Edward S. Marston and Edward R. Bacon were the next directors to appear. They were accompanied by a couple of husky special officers, who were acting as a body guard. Coroner Riordan fixed up their bonds and they hurried away. District Attorney Perkins said to-day that he could take no official cognizance of the finding in the Coroner's court until he had received a transcript of the record of the in-quisition. "This will come to me in a day or two, I expect," he added, "and then I shall lay the matter before the Grand Jury. Witnesses will be examined, and if the evidence warrants indictments for manslaughter will follow."

WOMAN VAMPIRE BETRAYS MAN WHO EMBEZZLED \$50,000

Phoned to Office That He Was Squandering Oil Magnate's Money in Tenderloin.

PRISONER CONFESSES.

Secretary to William L. Harkness Tells How White Lights Caused His Ruin.

A telephone message sent by a woman who did not give her name to the office of William L. Harkness, the Standard Oil capitalist, at No. 12 Broadway, led to the arrest to-day of Willard B. Thompson, confidential secretary to Mr. Harkness, on a charge of stealing \$50,000 from his employer. Thompson confessed to Mr. Harkness and Detectives Dolan and Moriarty that he had been stealing for the last four years and spending the money in Broadway, Coney Island and Harlem restaurants and saloons. Mr. Harkness had the utmost confidence in Thompson, who is married and lived with his wife and one child at No. 5 Union Park Avenue, Jamaica, L. I. The secretary's office associates noticed that he wore much jewelry and had an extensive wardrobe of flashy clothing, but he received a good salary and no suspicion attached to his honesty until recently. This suspicion was engendered from the fact that he was often called to the telephone to talk to a woman. Sometimes these telephone conversations would last half an hour. Two days ago the woman called up and asked for Thompson, and he refused to talk to her. "I know he is there," the woman said to the clerk who was on the Harkness end of the wire. "Now, you tell your boss that Thompson is a thief. He is spending money all along Broadway and in Harlem. Ask about him around Forty-seventh street and Broadway." A private detective was called in and accountants were put on Thompson's books. Mr. Harkness summoned his confidential man into his private office to-day and submitted to him reports from the detective and the accountants. Thompson confessed that he was a thief. "My mother died four years ago and it threw me off my balance," was his excuse. "I haven't been myself since that time. I stole by making out checks to pay bills for from \$100 to \$300 more than the amounts called for and pocketing the difference." "Lately I have been making out the checks and taking all the cash, neglecting to pay the bills at all. I don't know how much I have stolen. The money went for good times in the White Light district, at the seashore and in Harlem. I was an easy mark for a crowd that hung around me." The woman who phoned is said to be one of the Tenderloin vampires who led Thompson to ruin. When taken to Police Headquarters by the detectives who had been summoned by Mr. Harkness, Thompson wore two diamond rings and a diamond scarf pin. He said he found one ring and the scarf pin and found a pawn ticket which enabled him to redeem the other ring. Thompson was arraigned before Magistrate Krotel in Centre Street Police Court this afternoon and held in \$500 bail for examination on Friday.

Queens Boss and His Candidate On Their Way to Serve Sentences



RUSSIA TO GET MILLIONS FROM FINANCIERS HERE

Petrograd Gives Circumstantial Report That a Loan of \$12,000,000 Has Been Arranged.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 12 (Associated Press).—A group of New York bankers, including J. P. Morgan & Co., have agreed to loan the Russian Government \$12,000,000, according to an official announcement made here to-day. This amount is subject to draft by Russia at one, two or three months, at 4½ per cent, with a half of one per cent. additional for acceptance. Prominent Petrograd bankers say that this is a forerunner of further credits to be extended Russia by American financiers. The President of an important Petrograd bank has left for New York, where he expects to confer with financiers and Government officials, with the idea of perfecting Russian exchange facilities. In reply to an inquiry as to the meaning of the above Messrs. J. P. Morgan & Co. said this afternoon that a group of New York banks and bankers had recently made a purely banking arrangement with Russia by undertaking to accept short term drafts of the Russian Government, the proceeds of which were to be used in payment for supplies to be exported from this country. The National City Bank is one of the leading members of the group.

TWO NEW BATTLESHIPS ARE RECOMMENDED

House Naval Committee Also Votes Seventeen Submarines, Six Destroyers and Other Craft.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—The House Naval Affairs Committee this afternoon voted to recommend construction next year of two new battleships, sixteen coast defense submarines, one sea-going submarine, six destroyers, one hospital ship, one transport and one oiler. Eight of the coast submarines are for the Pacific coast. An express wagon was halted by Policeman Haviland, and in it the girl was hurried to New York Hospital. She was dead when Dr. Dineen took her from the wagon. The policeman said Albert Roosa, chauffeur, and John O'Hara, conductor of the coach, were in no way to blame. The girl had brown hair and blue eyes; she wore a blue velvet hat with red roses, a boy's jacket over a green sweater, a brown skirt and high buttoned shoes. She had a silver ring, and there were a few pennies in her pocketbook.

LAND BATTERIES SANK TWO GERMAN RAIDERS, SAY LONDON PAPERS

Submarines Were Sighted as They Entered Dover Harbor and They Were Sent to Bottom by the Guns in the Forts.

GERMANS CLAIM GAINS IN THE TRENCH FIGHTING

LONDON, Jan. 12.—[United Press.]—It is reported that two German submarines which attempted a raid into Dover Harbor to-day, were sunk by the land batteries. The Admiralty has made no announcement as to the sinking of the submarines but all of the London newspapers carry long accounts from their Dover correspondents. All declare the two submarines were hit and sunk. The Evening News says that the submarines were accompanied by aeroplanes. "Persistent rumors," it says, "are in circulation of the presence early this morning over the Channel and Channel towns of hostile air craft. These reports come from various points along the Channel and from very reliable correspondents. "Two German submarines tried to enter Dover Harbor but were sighted by the lookouts of the forts and fired upon." The Evening Star says that the submarines were sighted well outside of the entrance to the Channel and were not fired on until they were within range. Both immediately disappeared from view and the guns are confident the raiders were sunk. [It was in the Straits of Dover that the German submarine sank the British battleship Formidable on New Year's Day. At that time it was reported that the submarine had tried to make their way into the Dover Harbor, where a number of the first line British warships were known to be held in reserve. [Dover Harbor, within sixty-six miles of London, is one of the most important in England. It is protected by Dover Castle and several very strong detached forts. Large jetties and a pier thrust out into the sea make an exceptionally good harbor. The town itself is a much frequented watering place.]

Loss of the Prussians Alone Is Now Reported at 840,343

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 12 (United Press).—Advice from Berlin says that the 131st casualty list affecting the Prussian army, published to-day, brings the total of killed, wounded and captured up to 840,343. This is for the Prussian army alone, and does not include the 124 Bavarian, 90 Saxon, 29 Wurtemberg and 14 naval lists already issued. The majority of the latest casualties took place in the November fighting in Poland, the cavalry and artillery suffering most.

French Assembling 400,000 Men For a New Drive Through Alsace

LONDON, Jan. 12.—Reports reaching here say that the French are assembling a new army of nearly 400,000 men under command of Gen. Gallieni, former Military Governor of Paris and a brilliant tactician, for an invasion of the upper Rhemish provinces. The German army in Alsace has been heavily reinforced and it is now known that the Kaiser's commanders have 130,000 men massed near Metz ready to strike either straight across the frontier against the French or to move quickly southward to Cernay and Steinbach if the pressure there becomes too great for the present forces to withstand. It is said the recent French advance into Alsace was merely for the purpose of "feeling out" the Germans. Now it is stated on excellent authority that Gen. Gallieni will very shortly send his ten army corps on a tremendous drive to the Rhine. Gen. Gallieni left Paris on New Year's eve to assume his new command.

Two French Positions Taken; 1,700 Prisoners, Berlin Reports

BERLIN, Jan. 12.—German news. The War Office says artillery duces ceases in the north which resulted continue in the vicinity of Metz in the capture of a series of French and that the French have won trenches at Pailinburg, a suburb of heavily as a result. The French La Basse, were reported to-day, sensitive at La Moelle and Tr...

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